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TOWN WARRANT
Special Town Meeting
October 21, 1996

Hampshire, ss.

To one of the Constables of the Town of Amherst, in said county, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify the registered voters of the Town of Amherst of the **Special Town Meeting** to be held in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School in said Amherst at seven-thirty o'clock p.m. on **Monday, the 21st day of October**, nineteen hundred and ninety-six, when the following articles will be acted upon by town meeting members:

ARTICLE 1. Reports of Boards and Committees (Select Board)

To see if the Town will hear only those reports of Town officers, the Finance Committee, and any other Town boards or committees which are not available in written form.

ARTICLE 2. Transfer of Funds - Unpaid Bills (Select Board)

To see if the Town will, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 64, appropriate and transfer a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of previous years.

ARTICLE 3. Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (Select Board and Economic Development and Industrial Task Force)

To see if the Town will:

- a. Declare, as provided in Section 3 of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 1995, the need for the establishment of "The Amherst Economic Development and Industrial Corporation".
- b. Advise the Select Board to act on the authority conferred by (1) Chapter 93 of the Acts of 1995, and (2) the favorable vote of Town Meeting declaring the need for the corporation, by organizing "The Amherst Economic Development and Industrial Corporation" in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 93 of the Acts of 1995.

ARTICLE 4. Cable Television Access Contract Extension (Cable Advisory Committee)

To see if the Town will authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract of up to 10 years in duration for public, educational and governmental cable television access services under the provisions of Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws (Uniform Procurement Code).

ARTICLE 5. Pelham Sewer Extension (Select Board)

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Pelham for the purpose of extending an 8" sewer line from the Amherst sewer system approximately 2,500 feet into Pelham to serve residents of Pelham and facilities of the Town of Pelham.

ARTICLE 6. Loans for Failed Septic Systems (Board of Health)

To see if the Town will appropriate \$200,000 for the repair and/or reconstruction of septic systems for the subsurface disposal of sanitary waste and to meet such appropriation authorize borrowing \$200,000 from the State Revolving Fund, at no interest, in accordance with Chapter 111, § 127B 1/2.

ARTICLE 7. Street Acceptance - Mattoon Street Extension (Select Board)

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to lay out an extension of Mattoon Street as a Town Way on land owned by the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District, running north from the north line of Taylor Street (a public way) about 150 feet towards the school parking lot, being a strip of land 78 feet wide containing an existing entrance road and designated as the Third Tract in the deed from the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst to the said District recorded in Deed Book 1380 Page 476 on 15 June 1962 in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

ARTICLE 8. Town Bylaws - Amendment to "Open Containers of Alcohol" Bylaw (Select Board)

To see if the Town will amend Article II, Section 7 of the Town Bylaws, the "Open Containers of Alcohol" Bylaw, to allow the Select Board, by majority vote, to suspend the bylaw temporarily to permit the public sale, use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages and the consumption thereof for a special event or occasion on any Town street, sidewalk, way and public property, including, but not limited to, parking lots, parks, school playgrounds, recreation areas, or conservation areas, and to impose such terms and conditions on suspension of the bylaw as it deems consistent with the purpose of the bylaw and with provision of G.L. Chapter 138.

ARTICLE 9. Zoning Bylaw - Special Permit Criteria (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will amend the Zoning Bylaw as follows:

A. Amend Section 10.387 by adding the shaded language, as follows:

10.387The proposal provides convenient and safe vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and in relation to adjacent streets, property or improvements.

If the Special Permit Granting Authority deems the proposal likely to have a significantly adverse impact on traffic patterns, it shall be permitted to require a traffic impact report, and the proposal shall comply with Section 11. 2437 of this Bylaw.

B.Amend Section 10.391 by renumbering it as 10.397, and adding new Sections 10.391 through 10.396 (shaded language), as follows:

10.391The proposal protects, to the extent feasible, unique or important natural, historic or scenic features.

10.392 The proposal provides adequate landscaping, including the screening of adjacent residential uses, provision of street trees, landscape islands in the parking lot and a landscape buffer along the street frontage.

10.393 The proposal provides protection of adjacent properties by minimizing the intrusion of lighting, including parking lot and exterior lighting, through use of cut-off luminaires, light shields, lowered height of light poles, screening, or similar solutions.

10.394 The proposal avoids, to the extent feasible, impact on steep slopes, floodplains, scenic views, grade changes, and wetlands.

10.395 The proposal does not create disharmony with respect to the terrain and to the use, scale and architecture of existing buildings in the vicinity which have functional or visual relationship thereto.

10.396 The proposal provides screening for storage areas, loading docks, dumpsters, rooftop equipment, utility buildings and similar features.

10.397The proposal is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Bylaw.

ARTICLE 10. Zoning Bylaw - Open Space/Recreation Requirement (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will amend Articles 10 and 11 of the Zoning Bylaw, by adding the shaded language, as follows:

A.Amend Section 10.38 by adding the shaded language, as follows:

10.397The proposal provides adequate recreational facilities, open space and amenities for the proposed use.

10.398 The proposal is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Bylaw.

B.Amend Section 11.240 by adding the shaded language as a new subsection 11.2403, as follows:

11.2403Provision of adequate recreational facilities, open space and amenities for the proposed use.

ARTICLE 11. Zoning Map - 417 West Street Rezoning (Ronald LaVerdiere)

To see if the Town will amend the Official Zoning Map by rezoning the portion of the property identified as Map 19D, Parcel 2 currently in the Village Center Residence (R-VC) District to Village Center Business (B-VC) District.

ARTICLE 12. Zoning Map - Larkspur Drive Rezoning (CT Galaxy Properties)

To see if the Town will amend the Official Zoning Map by rezoning Map 21B, Parcels 16 and 67 from Professional Research Park (PRP) to Outlying Residence (R-O).

ARTICLE 13. Capital Program - Land Acquisition - Larkspur Drive and Old Belchertown Road (Conservation Commission)

To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to acquire by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise approximately 15 acres of property located on Larkspur Drive and Old Belchertown Road, and will appropriate \$48,000 for said purchase and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation or the transfer of available funds.

ARTICLE 14. Capital Program - Comprehensive Plan (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will appropriate \$15,000 to undertake a Town-wide “visioning” process that will result in a report that includes community planning goals and recommendations as to whether the Town should go forward with a comprehensive planning process and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation or the transfer of available funds.

ARTICLE 15. Capital Program - Parking Garage Design (Select Board)

To see if the Town will appropriate \$15,000 to update the design for a parking garage and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation or the transfer of available funds.

ARTICLE 16. Capital Program - Athletic Fields (Leisure Services)

To see if the Town will appropriate \$31,000 for improvements to athletic fields at Plum Brook and Fort River School and to determine whether such appropriation shall be raised by taxation or the transfer of available funds.

ARTICLE 17. Capital Program - Enterprise Funds/Computer Equipment (Select Board)

To see if the Town will appropriate \$45,076 to purchase and install computer hardware and software for financial systems and to meet such appropriation, transfer \$45,076 from enterprise funds surplus.

ARTICLE 18. Stabilization Fund (Select Board)

To see if the Town will appropriate and transfer a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund for FY 97.

You are hereby directed to serve this call by posting attested copies thereof at the usual places:

Prec. 1	North Amherst Post Office	Prec. 6	Fort River School
Prec. 2	North Fire Station	Prec. 7	Crocker Farm School
Prec. 3	Marks Meadow School	Prec. 8	Munson Library
Prec. 4	Amherst Post Office	Prec. 9	Wildwood School
Prec. 5	Bangs Community Center	Prec. 10	Campus Center/UMass

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 30th day of September, 1996

Bryan C. Harvey
Brenna Y. Kucinski
Hill Boss
Eva Schiffer
Homer W. Cowles

Select Board

September 30, 1996
Date

Hampshire, ss.

In obedience to the within Warrant, I have this day as directed posted true and attested copies thereof at the above designated places, to wit:

Lt. Michael Kent
Constable